

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Sept. 29, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Fire Station holds open house

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire Station, building 2200, will hold an open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 9 to close out Fire Prevention Week.

Firefighters and rescue personnel will be available to answer questions on equipment displays, perform demonstrations and discuss Fire Prevention Week.

McGruff the Crime Dog will be on site to teach the little firefighters about fire prevention, test their skills with a fire hose and see if they can find their way through a smoke-filled maze.

For more information, call 410-278-0533.

RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Sept. 30, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topic is an update on the Aberdeen Area Study Areas.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Only 40 days until Election Day

The deadline for absentee voting for the Nov. 2 general election is fast approaching.

Registered voters on APG should receive their absentee ballots within the next 30 to 45 days. In order to ensure ballots are counted, voters must complete and mail ballots back in a timely manner.

Unit Voting Assistance Officers have been working continuously with the commanders to stress the importance of exercising the right to vote.

Anyone needing to register should contact a unit VAO or Maj. Anissa McNeill, installation VAO, at 410-278-3000 or visit www.fvap.gov.

"It's your future - vote for it."

MCSC holds 'Super Sign-Up'

Tonight join the MCSC

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OC&S stands up Company G

New unit to support recalled Army Reservists



Lt. Col. Richard B. Parker, commander, 16th Ordnance Battalion, center, passes the Company G guidon to Capt. Song V. Huynh, company commander, during the activation ceremony for the unit at building 4218 Aug. 17. Looking on are 16th Ordnance Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Hart, left; Company G 1st Sgt. Darrick Preston, right, and Staff Sgts. Stacey Ruggiero and Antonio Castillo.

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School and the 16th Ordnance Battalion took on a new unit during the ceremonial uncasing of the guidon for Company G at building 4218 Sept. 17.

"The new unit will provide command and control, administrative action, logistical support, training management, and foster a positive environment to Ordnance Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers that have been called back to duty," said the program's emcee, Sgt. 1st Class Frederick Burris.

Lt. Col. Richard B. Parker, battalion commander, and battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Hart led the ceremony. Parker said the unit's primary mission is to "recertify ordnance warriors called for active duty missions in the field."

"We welcome them to the 16th Ordnance Battalion, and challenge them to achieve a level of competence while they are here," Parker said.

He said the battalion activated a unit to serve the mobilization effort because its mission differs from those of companies A, B, C, and E, which handle the Advanced Individual Training and Ordnance Officer Basic Course training missions.

"It will be a different type of unit because of the type of Soldiers," Parker said. "These warriors have served before. They have to be recertified and ultimately support the war either in theater or with deployed units."

Capt. Song V. Huynh and 1st Sgt. Darrick F. Preston will lead the new unit. Huynh is a

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APG seeks to remain among top 5 CFC contributors worldwide

Robert Solyan
APG CFC Chairperson

Aberdeen Proving Ground hopes to generate \$325 thousand during the 2004 Central Maryland Combined Federal Campaign that gets under way Oct. 1 and runs through Nov. 30.

The Central Maryland regional goal is \$5.6 million. That goal is only slightly more than the \$5.496 that the region collected in 2003 when it was the fifth largest contributor worldwide. Other worldwide rankings include first, National Capital area; second, Overseas; third, San Diego; and fourth, Hawaii.

The Central Maryland region encompasses 72, federal workers in Baltimore and the five surrounding counties as well as Queen Anne's and Cecil Counties, according to

speakers at the Sept. 15 campaign kickoff.

APG representatives at the kickoff were Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby; Joseph Craten, Garrison civilian deputy; Robert Solyan, CFC chairman; Lisa Mack, CFC vice chairperson; Betty Scott, CFC administrative support, and John Sawyer, Garrison CFC keyworker.

The APG portion of the 2004 CFC goal for Central Maryland amounts to \$30.70 or \$2.56 per month for each government employee.

Employees can select from a wide range of charities that reflect their giving preferences.

While key workers cannot

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Developer for Research Center at APG announced

Meghan Bowen
APG News

The Baltimore District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently selected real estate developer Opus East, L.L.C. of Rockville, Md., to transform approximately 200 acres at Aberdeen Proving Ground into a high-technology research center under the Army's Enhanced Use Leasing program.

"Enhanced Use Leasing involves leasing Army assets, which for various reasons are non-productive," said Bob Penn Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The role of the Corps was to facilitate the selection of the developer and approve the EUL program.

"We sign the lease on behalf of the Army," Penn said. He explained that with

EUL, the Department of the Army has two options. The Army can choose to receive cash or 'in-kind services,' which provides funding to APG sooner than the cash option. The Army chose to receive the in-kind services as payment for the designated land.

"The Army gets 100 percent right away," Penn said. "This is a great way to facilitate the upkeep and maintenance of Aberdeen Proving Ground."

The project will include laboratory, research and development, administrative general-purpose buildings, and a hotel with a conference center.

George Mercer, APG Garrison public affairs officer, commented on the APG requirements the project will need to meet.

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1st, 9th Area Medical Laboratories activated

520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory inactivated



Sgt. 1st Class Lance Derbone folds casing from the 1st Area Medical Laboratory flag held by Col. Keith Gallagher, deputy commander, 44th Medical Command, following official activation of the unit. Col. Jack Wedam, right, commands the 1st AML.

Ann Ham
CHPPM

The 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory was inactivated and the 1st and 9th Area Medical Laboratories were activated in a ceremony at McBride Parade Field in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground Sept. 16.

The 520th TAML inactivation was in accordance with the Medical Re-engineering Initiative program directives and provided the source of much of the personnel, equipment, and infrastructure utilized in the activation of the newly formed 1st and 9th AMLs.

The 1st and 9th AMLs were activated to provide U.S. Army Forces Command greater flexibility to support deployed medical laboratory missions than the current force structure allows. Prior to the activation of these two

laboratory units, the 520th TAML was the only medical laboratory unit in the Army inventory that could provide the specialized analysis and assessments specified in the mission statement.

The missions of both the 1st and 9th TAMLs will continue the mission of the 520th TAML, which is to identify and evaluate health hazards in the area of operations through unique medical laboratory analyses and rapid health hazard assessments of nuclear, biological, chemical, endemic disease, occupational and environmental health threats.

"Over the past six decades, the 520th has activated and deactivated several times," said Col. Keith W. Gallagher, 44th Medical Command deputy commander, in his opening remarks. "The men and women of this unit have indeed proven their mettle in

Vietnam, Bosnia, Southwest Asia during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and now Iraqi Freedom."

The new doctrine that will support transformation and the global war on terrorism creates two smaller yet more mobile and equally capable area medical laboratories - the 1st and the 9th, Gallagher said. These units have fought in Africa, Italy, France, the India-Burma theater campaign, and in Vietnam, he said.

Col. Jack M. Wedam, Veterinary Corps, assumed command of the 1st AML. He commanded the 520th TAML until inactivation.

"The 520th Theater Army Medical Lab served this nation proudly in World War II and has again from 1994 until today as the Army's premier TOE laboratory," Wedam said.

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Re-Nu-It Center, a free 'Home Depot' at APG

Force Health Protection Conference 2004 focuses on transformation



Photos courtesy of CHPPM
Sgt. 1st Class Ludlow Ball of the U.S. Army Medical Command welcomes visitors in the exhibits area at the 7th Annual Force Health Protection Conference, Aug. 8 through 13.

Ann Ham
CHPPM

“Supporting Military Transformation” was the theme of the Seventh Annual Force Health Protection Conference held Aug. 8 through 13 at the Albuquerque, N.M., Convention Center. The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine hosted the conference, which

brought in some 1,400 attendees including members of all military services, Veterans Health Administration, the Public Health Service, and a limited number of foreign nationals.

The 400 technical presentations dealt with updates from subject matter experts in the fields and exchanges of experiential information on conditions and situations that affect

deployed and non-deployed service members, their families, installations within the United States and locations outside the United States.

“Our idea is to keep the Soldier as protected as we can,” said Maj. Gen. Kevin Kiley, acting commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command, in his address to a plenary session.

“What we don’t know will

hurt us,” Kiley said. “I agree with that, but I would suggest to you that you all have done an absolutely superb job since 9-11 in capturing hazards, in developing doctrine that in the next 10 to 12 years is going to make us even better, more effective and safer, and make our Soldiers safer, both at home and abroad.”

Nine conference tracks dealt with a full range of preventive and environmental medicine issues and tools that reinforce Kiley’s vision. The tracks covered analytical sciences, behavioral health, community and population health, deployment health care, environmental sciences, health physics and radiological sciences, occupational health sciences, occupational and preventive medicine and Veterans Affairs health.

The behavioral health track presentations on post-traumatic stress syndromes of redeployed and deployed service members drew standing-room only attendance. Mental health care workers and other concerned professionals discussed levels and techniques of support now provided and adjustments required to better serve an increasing number who seek help in this area.

“We have to accept that the

pace of operations that we are undergoing in this war on terrorism isn’t going to abate,” said Congresswoman Heather Wilson of New Mexico at a plenary session. “This is not a crisis for which we can surge and then send everybody home, which means that we have to organize, train, and equip for a long war that will be both an ideological struggle and will involve our active Reserve and Guard forces as we call upon them to do the mission that this country demands of them.

“That will require that all of you keep that force in good shape, but it will require that people like me make the commitment to support the military and to give you the tools that you need to do your job,” Wilson said.

Other sessions relevant to the war on terrorism at home and abroad included the use of mefloquine for treatment of malaria, epidemiology and disease surveillance of infectious diseases including leishmaniasis and other vector-borne diseases, clarification of tuberculosis screening techniques and results, the latest portable diagnostic tools to detect chemical and biological hazards in theater and decontamination methods, and pro-

tection from terrorist attacks through monitoring of water supplies at installations.

The CHPPM Risk Communication team conducted workshops to prepare health professionals, environmental managers, public affairs personnel, and others to communicate health, environmental safety, readiness and homeland security risks.

Among the health promotion and wellness topics were obesity, use of tobacco, dangers and benefits of dietary supplements and injury prevention. Sessions explored pre- and post-deployment health evaluation forms and the follow-up process, as well as compliance status.

“We invite you to our Eighth Annual Force Health Protection conference set for Aug. 8 through 11, in Louisville, Kentucky,” said Col. John Ciesla, CHPPM acting commander and 2004 conference director.

“The theme for the 2005 conference is Force Health Protection - Future Force Enabler,” said Jane Gervasoni, conference deputy director. “Conference registration and requests for abstracts for the 2005 conference will be available online by January 2005.”

Airmen honor Air Force birthday



Members of the color guard from Detachment 1, 361st TRS U.S. Air Force Detachment, of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School fold the American flag in front of building 3071 after the retreat ceremony to celebrate the 57th birthday of the U.S. Air Force Sept. 17. The ceremony’s observers included Col. Francis R. Merritt, OMMS commander, Maj. Steven Pratt, USAF detachment commander, and the entire detachment of instructors and students.

Air Force birthday message Sept. 17

The following is an Air Force birthday message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

“Happy birthday to the Airmen of the world’s greatest air and space force!

Our 57 years of history may be short, but they are packed with astounding accomplishments. We’ve broken the sound barrier, expanded military operations to the reaches of space, ushered stealth technology and precision-strike capability into modern warfare, delivered humanitarian aid to austere locations, jointly won the Cold War and provided decisive air and space power for wars in Korea, Vietnam, the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Your dedication to excel-

lence, your integrity and your faithful service is recognized and appreciated by all Americans.

Since our inception in 1947, America’s Air Force has flown lead in defending peace and freedom around the world. That legacy was made possible by millions of professional Airmen dedicated to accomplishing critical missions with total success.

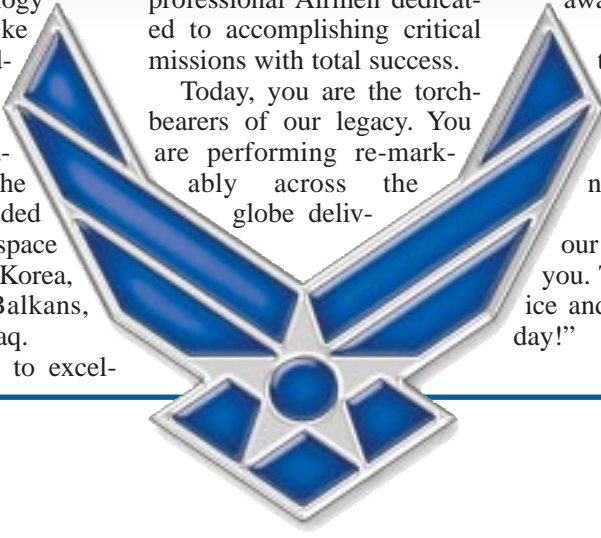
Today, you are the torchbearers of our legacy. You are performing re-markably across the globe deliv-

ering aid to people in need and defending and protecting our great nation from emerging threats and new enemies. Your competence, dedication to the mission and pride of service is renowned. We know you also have wonderful families who support your long hours and deployments away from home.

We are grateful for their support.

You represent the strength and patriotism of our great nation.

America is proud of our Air Force because of you. Thanks for your service and, again, happy birthday!”



AAFES releases the new 2004 Holiday Electronics Catalog

AAFES

Packed with page after page of the hottest technology, the 2004 Holiday Electronics Exchange Catalog makes it easy to buy the “perfect gift” for everyone on [a holiday] list, without leaving the comforts of home.

The Exchange Services’ newest all-services catalog is filled with dynamic home theaters, state-of-the-art televisions, high-powered digital camcorders and cameras, plus portable stereo systems, DVD players and much more.

The large selection of electronic gifts is designed to appeal to the Exchange’s tech savvy customers.

“Today’s military customer demands products that are on the cutting edge,” said Mike Westphal, marketing senior vice president. “They work with evolving technology everyday and are eager to incorporate the newest electronics into their off-duty hours as well.”

The 2004 Holiday Electronics Exchange Catalog is available, for free, at all AAFES main stores and online at www.aafes.com, usmc-mcss.org, navy-nex.com or cg-exchange.com.

Prices in this all-services catalog are valid through Dec. 31, 2004 and anyone with Exchange privileges can order from it. Active duty military members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, as well as mili-

tary retirees, reservists, National Guardsmen, Department of Defense civilians stationed overseas, exchange employees and their family members are authorized to shop.

Orders can be placed by mail, fax or phone. To place orders toll free from the United States, Puerto Rico or Guam, call 1-800-527-2345. The Exchange Catalog Center is open around-the-clock,

seven days a week and complimentary international access calling is available from several countries.

Earnings generated by purchases in the Exchange and Exchange Online Store as well as Exchange Catalogs such as Holiday Electronics are returned to the military community in the form of funding for Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities and programs.



AAFES’s 2004 Holiday Electronics Catalog

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Departing card holders have responsibility

Rita McClary
DOC

When a cardholder or billing official is pending reassignment, separation from federal service or retirement, a written request must be submitted by the office chief to the APG Directorate of Contracting Agency/Organization Program Coordinator no later than 30 days prior to their departure.

In extraordinary situations,

when an unscheduled departure is less than 30 days away, notification of the departure shall be made as soon as it is known.

“This final detail to a person’s clearance is vital due to the tremendous turnover rate resulting from recent reorganizations and retirements,” said Diane Schneider, procurement analyst, Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Contracting.

“The cardholder should stop all purchase activity no later than 30 days prior to their departure and ensure their account balance is paid in full prior to their job reassignment, separation or retirement,” Schneider said.

The billing official is responsible for destroying the card and notifying the A/OPC when the card or billing account has been paid in full. Termination of the billing official’s account will also result in the termination of all cardholder accounts assigned to the Billing Official.

The Civilian Personnel Clearance Form, EAP 1132 and DA Form 137-1R include the requirement for Billing

Officials and Cardholders to obtain the signature of the A/OPC or the Alternate A/OPC prior to terminating post employment.

The APG DOC A/OPC and alternate are located in the Robert Morris Building at 4118 Susquehanna Avenue and are available from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday to sign clearance forms. However, to ensure availability, call Diane Schneider at 410-278-0848 or Dennis Bolen at 410-278-0849 for an appointment.

For additional information regarding the Government Purchase Card Program, visit the APG DOC Web site, <http://www.apg.army.mil/aca/>.

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From front page

former instructor with the Ordnance Officer Basic Course and Preston was the chief instructor for the OMMS Metalworker Division.

Huynh said the reactivated Soldiers will come from “all over the nation.”

“It is my great honor to accept this mission,” Huynh said. He thanked the battalion and the unit’s cadre of non-commissioned officer assembled on the field.

“This staff is a group of dedicated Soldiers prepared to support another great group,” he said.

Preston added that Company G, headquartered in building 4218, could house

up to 100 Soldiers who will spend about three weeks on APG in-processing and retraining.

“We have 11 on the ground and 20 more due in this week,” Preston said.

The building, which formerly belonged to Company A, 16th, was designated a mobilization residence during previous activations of Army National Guard and reserve units.

“This made the challenge of establishing residency and office space easier,” he added.

The Company G 16th cadre, also made up of IRR Soldiers includes Sgt. 1st Class Stanley Forbis, operations NCO; and five platoon sergeants, Staff Sgts. Antonio Castillo, Anthony Manske, Stacy Ruggiero, Nathan Staff and Sgt. Nerzhin Santiago.

Medical

From front page

“Today we case the colors for the 520th TAML,” Wedam said. “Perhaps they will be uncased again or perhaps they will be forever consigned to the Institute of Heraldry.

“Regardless of what happens to the colors of the 520th TAML, the pride, the spirit, and rich tradition of the 520th TAML will live on in the 1st and 9th AMLs,” Wedam said.

Col. Thomas M. Logan, Medical Service Corps, assumed command of the 9th AML.

“I’m fortunate and honored to have been given the opportunity to command the newly organized 9th AML,” Logan said. “The unit has a rich heritage with many awards and recognition for service in World War II and in Vietnam.

“More recently, many of the Soldiers here today served with distinction in Iraq as part of the 520th TAML,” Logan said.

He expressed thanks to Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command, and the APG staff for their efforts in support of the two new tenant units.

“We feel very fortunate to be stationed here at APG, which is the home of some of the nation’s most important organizations for chemical, biological and preventive medicine threat defense,” Logan said. “These two newly activated TOE medical laboratories will benefit greatly from technical and scientific interactions with the units already located here.”

Col. Jack M. Wedam

Wedam received his bachelor’s from Oregon State University; doctorate of veterinary medicine from Washington State University; and master’s of preventive medicine and master’s in international agricultural development from the University of California at Davis.

He is board certified in preventive veterinary medicine and holds a U.S. patent.

Wedam’s previous assignments include 11 deployments to Africa and Central America while assigned as the Group Veterinarian with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

He commanded the 248th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Support) and the 64th Medical Detachment (VS). Wedam also served as command veterinarian and deputy command surgeon for the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

Wedam’s awards and decorations include Air Assault, Master Parachutist, Special Forces Tab, Expert Field Medical Badge, Meritorious Service Medals, Army Achievement medals, Humanitarian Service Medal; Kenyan, Honduran, and Zairian Parachutist Wings. He is a graduate of the Army War College.

Col. Thomas M. Logan

Logan received a bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate from Oklahoma State University.

His assignments include the U.S. Army Research Institute of Infectious Diseases; Walter Reed Army Institute of Research Laboratory with service in Nairobi, Kenya, and a return assignment to U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.

He commanded the 225th Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine) at Fort Stewart, Ga., and led this unit as part of the 44th Medical Brigade’s medical support mission to Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti.

Following assignments with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine-Europe and service with the 30th Medical Brigade as staff entomologist in the Balkans, he was assigned to CHPPM at APG in operations positions - most recently as deputy chief of staff for Operations.

He completed the AMEDD Officer’s Advanced Course, the Combined Arms Service Staff School, the Command and General Staff College and the Defense Strategy Course.

Logan’s awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (silver and bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Bronze Service Star), Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Medal, Expert Field Medical Badge and Air Assault Badge. He is a recipient of the Army Surgeon General’s “A” Proficiency Designator and a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Community Notes

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 24
AND 25**

30 & OVER NIGHT

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 “30 & over night” is held every Friday and Saturday.

Only those age 30 or older will be allowed entry on these evenings. Active duty service members with valid military identification cards are welcome. Everyone entering the post must present proper identification.

A donation of \$5 is required to enter the post. For more

information, call the post commander or house committee chairman at 410-272-3444.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 25
A CALL TO ARMS**

A kick-off service will be held at Hosanna A.M.E. Church, 2418 Castleton Road, Darlington at 6:30 p.m. This worship service is the first in a series of monthly services designed to bring unity among the churches in Harford and Cecil county and will culminate in a festival and discipleship service at the end of the year.

For more information, call the Rev. Joan Webster at 410-457-4250.

PIG ROAST

The Pilottown Rod and Gun Club located on Belle Manor Road, Conowingo, will hold a pig roast, 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per adult, \$5 for children ages 6 to 12, and children 6 and under eat free. Events include music, games, food, cake walk, wheels and more. Tickets are available at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Rod and Gun Club.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Pat Job, 410-658-5628 or 410-378-0096.

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 26
SPANISH LANGUAGE
CHURCH SERVICE**

Grace Assembly of God, at 2303 Churchville Road, Bel Air, will hold a weekly Spanish language Sunday worship service, 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the Hispanic community in worship.

For more information, call the church office at 410-989-0184 extension 45 (Spanish), or 410-879-5340 (English).

**GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH SERVICES**

The Greek Orthodox Church of Harford County will hold regular Sunday services in

the Chapel of the John Carroll High School, 703 East Churchville Road, Bel Air. The Rev. Presbyterian R. Nicholas Rafael II will conduct services with the Orthos beginning at 9 a.m. and the Devine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Fr. Nicholas Rafael II at 201-262-6643.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 2
SUMMER CRAB
FEAST**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 presents an “end of summer crab feast” noon to 5 p.m. Menu includes all-you-can-eat crabs, barbecue chicken, Italian sausage with green peppers and onions, corn on the cob, assorted salads, baked beans and draft beer. Absolutely no take outs.

Tickets cost \$25 and can be purchased at VFW Post 6054 or by calling past commander, Maurice Bishop at 410-272-3444.

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 6
AMERICAN LEGION
HOLDS BLOOD DRIVE**

American Legion Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 Aberdeen, 44 North Park Street, will host its annual blood drive 2 to 8 p.m. To sign up, call Angela Conlon at 443-243-1514.

Movies

**ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50 --
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard
To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.**

COLLATERAL

Friday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 p.m.
Starring: Tom Cruise,
Jamie Foxx

Cab driver and struggling comedy writer Max (Foxx) finds himself the hostage of Vincent (Cruise), an engaging contract killer as he makes his rounds from hit to hit during one night in LA. He must find a way to save both himself and one last victim. (Rated R)

PRINCESS DIARIES 2: ROYAL ENGAGEMENT (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m.
Starring: Anne Hathaway,
Julie Andrews

Princess Mia (Hathaway) is ready to begin her duties as princess of Genovia alongside Queen Clarisse (Andrews), but she soon learns that

Clarisse needs her to take over as queen. But Viscount Mabrey (John Rhys-Davies) has a nephew who is also in line to the throne and reminds everyone of a law that states that an unmarried woman can't be made queen. Mia now has 30 days to find a husband.



YU-GI-OH! THE MOVIE

Saturday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.
Animated

After the conclusion of the Battle City Tournament, deep below the sands of Egypt, an ancient evil has awakened. (Rated PG)

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at the Super Sign-up event 7 to 8:30 p.m., at 4670 Parrish Road, Edgewood.

The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club is open to spouses, surviving spouses or members of the U.S. armed forces (all ranks), active duty or retired, a spouse or surviving spouse of a Department of Defense employee or a DoD employee.

The club's purpose is to have fun and be involved in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community. The MCSC has many functions that involve camaraderie, enjoyment, education and fundraising.

Social groups include the Lunch Bunch, Gourmet Club, Book Club, Bunco and more.

Fund-raising events generate money for scholarships and aid to various community organizations and offer both day and evening programs and activities, a monthly newsletter containing up-coming events and other helpful and interesting information.

For more information or to join MCSC, visit the club's Web site, www.apgmcs.org.

New Weight Watchers program begins Sept. 29

Weight Watchers' new TurnAround offers two plans to make it even easier to fit weight loss into a busy life. The new series of meetings begins Sept. 29.

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are open to all APG civilian personnel, military personnel, retirees and family members. Take advantage of group support where it's convenient.

For more information, call 410-278-1151.

FEGLI open season

The Federal Employees Group Life Insurance will run through Sept. 30. All employees eligible for the FEGLI Program can participate in the open season. Employees who are not enrolled in the FEGLI program can elect Basic and any or all of the optional coverages. Employees who are enrolled can increase their coverage or make changes to their current coverage. There are no age restrictions, no medical questions to answer and no physical required. Coverage can be elected up to the maximum available - no restrictions.

All changes must be made through the Army Benefits Center - Civilian (ABC-C) either by phone at 1-877-276-9287 or Web site, <https://www.abc.army.mil>. Enrollment forms are included in the open season packets. However, hard copy forms will not be accepted for Army employees by the APG Advisory Center.

For more information, call Teri Wright, APG Advisory Center, 410-278-4331 or e-

mail her at teri.wright@apg-army.mil.

Army seeking warrant officer candidates

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Airmen to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties if applicants are qualified. Applicants with less than 12 years of active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information and all forms/documents required, visit www.usarec.army.mil/warrant, or call DSN 536-0328/0466/0271/1860/0458/0484 or commercial 502-626-1860.

Army Reserves hold high technology open house

Soldiers and civilians interested in high technology opportunities in the Army Reserve are invited to join the 311th Theater Signal Command for lunch and an open house Oct. 2 at the 311th's headquarters in Fort Meade.

Visitors will examine satellite ground stations, walk through one of the region's best-equipped emergency operations centers and meet Soldiers who work on the cutting edge of Army signal technology. The 311th's networking academy, where Reserve Soldiers take manufacturer-authorized certification courses, will also be featured.

Lunch with the Soldiers (reservations required) begins at noon and the tour program begins at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 310-677-1098/1077/1748.

APG Disability Awareness luncheon

The APG Disability Committee will sponsor the Disability Awareness Month Observance Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Oct. 6 at Top of the Bay.

Guest speaker will be Kristen Cox, secretary, Maryland Department of Disabilities. Entertainment will be provided by the choir from the Arc Northern Chesapeake Region. Tickets cost \$12 per person. Reservations must be made by Sept. 28. Make checks payable to IMWRF. To purchase tickets, or for more information, call:

Kathleen Crosby, EEO, 410-278-1137

Judy Matthews, DTC, 410-278-1017

Terry Leicht, DLES, 410-278-3609

Mike Brown, DOIM, 410-278-2268

Debbie Pole, DRM, 410-2605 TTY

Deana Boyd, ATC, 410-278-9186

Debra Dempsey, CPAC,

410-278-7148

Patricia Reeves, RDECOM, 410-436-2917

Jeanne Boisseau, MRICD, 410-436-1815

Annette Jones-Dennis, CMA, 410-436-4164

Gen. Emmett Paige scholarships available

Sponsored by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, the General Emmett Paige Scholarship provides funding to veterans, military personnel, and their family members who are majoring in specified fields in college for \$2,000.

This program is open to veterans and persons on active duty in the uniformed military services and to their spouses or dependents who are currently enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year degree-granting institution in the United States. Graduating high school seniors are not eligible, but veterans entering college as freshmen may apply. Spouses or dependents must be sophomores or juniors.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, be of good moral character, have demonstrated academic excellence, be motivated to complete a college education, and be working toward a degree in engineering (aerospace, chemical, computer, or electrical), mathematics, physics, or computer science with a GPA of 3.4 or higher.

The deadline to apply is in February.

For more information, see <http://www.military.com/Education/ScholarShip/Profile/1,14220,0546,00.html>.

Installation staff contractor's training

All installation staff, medical, dental and contract personnel, who in the execution of their duties come into daily or frequent contact with Initial Entry Training Soldiers, are required to attend ISCTC.

The one-hour class covers IET policies and procedures, ethical conduct and Army values.

Directors, division chiefs and managers are responsible for ensuring employees attend this mandatory training.

Classes will be held 2 p.m., Sept 27, in building 4305, second floor.

To schedule employees to attend, directors, division chiefs and managers should call garrison S-3 Operations, 410-278-5225.

CYS holds Fall Family Fun Fest

Child and Youth Services is sponsoring a Fall Family Fun Fest 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 2, at the Edgewood Area Youth Services building E-1902.

Parents and children of all ages are invited to join the festivities for an afternoon of fun and adventure. All activities

are free.

A local D.J. will provide music and entertainment.

Activities include games, arts and crafts, chess and soccer shoot-out for ages 3 to adult, face painting, balloon sculptures, bounce house and more. A special guest artist will be on hand creating caricatures. Enjoy free hot dogs, chips and lemonade.

Everyone attending will receive a free gift. Door prizes will be given away every half hour but winners must be present. Visit the facility and be there for the grand opening of the new Computer Tech Lab.

Interested in becoming a member? Come see what CYS has to offer the entire family.

For more information, call Outreach Services at 410-278-7571.

Commentary

Building family relationships

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey D Watters
USAGAPG

A recent survey by a leading family magazine revealed a grim statistic — 71 percent of those responding felt family life in America was in trouble. Adding to this dismal outlook, another survey found that 75 percent of those married considered their marriages a failure and rated their homes as unhappy. Further, an article in the newspaper on Army families related that 75 percent of Army marriages ended in divorce.

Take a minute and consider your marriage and family life. Do you have a strong marriage and a happy home?

God has a wonderful and

workable plan for family relationships. He displayed the first model in the Garden of Eden. Adam enjoyed the companionship of all animal life. He even delighted in the presence of God himself. Yet Adam needed a partner, so God created Eve from Adam’s rib. She was not created from his head to rule over him or from his feet to be ruled by him, but from his side to be a partner to him. That family, God said, was good.

Everything went smoothly until disobedience to God disrupted the family. Adam’s family was driven from the perfect environment they enjoyed. Sin ruptured the family then, and the pattern con-

tinues today.

How is the cycle broken? It begins with the Proverb: “Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers over a multitude of sin.”

Where did the concept of love originate? The prophet Jeremiah told the people of Israel that God loved them “with an everlasting love.”

The Apostle John further defines love in the New Testament. John said, God is love, and we love and obey him because he first loved us. God’s love for us allows us to love one another.

God’s love is the foundation of family relationships. It can break the cycle — even if you came into your marriage from an unhappy and unloving fam-

ily, even if you had no family.

God’s love can be your example. If a man and a wife know the love of God, then each will relate to one another in love and mutual trust.

Think of it in terms of a triangle. At each lower corner of the triangle are the husband and the wife. At the pinnacle is God. The strength of the triangle is invincible. The closer each partner moves up the triangle toward God, the closer he is to the other person.

Did you rate your marriage? Which side of the percentages are you on?

Need to improve your odds? Explore God’s love for yourself and find out what a difference it will make.

Visit APG News online at
www.apgnews.apg.army.mil

OC&S Hispanic Heritage Essay/Display Contest accepting submissions

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Service members, civilians, and family members in the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area communities are invited to participate in the National Hispanic Heritage Month Essay and Display contest sponsored by the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

The theme for the contest is “Hispanic Americans: Making a difference in our communities and our nation.”

The deadline for submis-

sions is Oct. 20. Essays must be double-spaced, 12-point font, and two to four pages in length. Displays may include models, posters and/or collages.

Plaques will be awarded to the top two winners in each category, 3 p.m., Oct. 28, on the second floor of building 3071.

In addition, the OC&S awards committee would like to encourage volunteers to prepare and bring cultural food samplings during the following heritage month award cer-

emonies: National Hispanic Heritage Month (October), National Native American Heritage Month (November), Black History Month (February) and National Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month (May). A special award will be presented for the best food sampling.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Arbel Connor, 410-278-2529; Sgt. 1st Class Peggy McCormick, 410-278-5598; or Sgt. 1st Class Tasha Ahmed, 410-436-1076.

CFC

From front page

solicit contributions from contract employees working at APG, they are eligible to contribute by cash or check. Anyone working at the installation or from outside the installation can contribute to the APG CFC Campaign.

Every contributor will have an opportunity to win one of six large and small prints from 2003 titled “Fort McHenry” by Chris White. For each contribution, the contributor’s name will be entered into the drawing.

More details about the prints will following in later articles.

The subject of this year’s print is “Annapolis - College

Creek” and is part of the “Scenes of Maryland” series created by White.

CFC keyworker training is scheduled for 1:30 to 3 p.m., Sept. 23 with make-up training Sept. 24, in building 305, commander’s large conference room.

For more information, visit the APG CFC office in building 120, Room 114, or call 410-278-0001/0002/0003.

Leasing

From front page

“Any use [Opus] puts the land to is going to have to meet Aberdeen Proving Ground’s environmental safety, woodlands, wetlands, habitats, infrastructure, security and access issues,” Mercer said.

Penn commented on securi-

ty measures during the construction of the project.

“Builders will be treated like any other contractors at APG and will go through the same background checks,” Penn said.

The new building project will involve a long-term government lease of the 200 acres and Opus will plan, design, finance, construct, and market the new facilities. In addition to providing the Army with fair consideration equal to the market value of the leased assets, Opus will operate and maintain the facilities.

Penn described the current

status of the EUL between APG and Opus.

“We’re in the negotiations phase right now; then we’ll develop a business plan and lease along with the lease terms,” Penn said. “Once the business and lease program goes to the DA for approval, then Opus will begin to identify eligible tenants who must be compatible with the mission of APG,” Penn said.

The project is estimated to break ground in spring 2005.

For more information about EUL, visit <http://eul.army.mil/aboutEUL.htm>.



Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and Deputy Installation Commander Col. John T. Wright, right, shakes hands with James M. Lee, left, president and chief operating engineer of Opus East, L.L.C. while Dean S. Newins, director of Architecture for Opus East, L.L.C. looks on during the memorandum of understanding signing ceremony for the Enhanced Use Leasing agreement held Sept. 2 at Top of the Bay.

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APG author shines in the ‘reflections’ of her new novel

Meghan Bowen
APG News

Family names and a grandmother’s wisdom inspired an Edgewood Area contractor to follow her dream of writing romance novels.

Susan Biggs, a document center specialist with the Chemical and Biological Defense and Information Analysis Center-Battelle, decided to pursue her dream of being a novelist, when her grandmother told her “if there is something you really want to do, then do it before your time is up.”

With the release of her third novel “Reflections” and her next book in the works, Biggs is enjoying local success and ready to pursue writing children’s books.

Biggs story lines involve women on a mission to locate a brother, follow a singing career and themselves. The men in her stories range from cowboys to bounty hunters.

Biggs said she pulls her inspiration for her characters from real life, friends and music.

“I listen to a lot of country music and listening to other people talk sometimes gives me ideas,” Biggs said.

“I constantly have an underlying issue to be resolved within the story. Typically, there are four to six main issues that occur in the book and the thing you expect to happen doesn’t.”

Biggs, who handwrites her stories, said she had the first three chapters of her first book, “Unconditional Love”, composed in her head before she even put them down on paper.

Biggs described how she names her characters in her novels.

“In some of my books, the female characters have been family members,” said Biggs, who used the names of two of her nieces, Tori and Amber,

for the main female characters in the first two books. “The male characters names come from my brothers,” she said. She also named one of her characters ‘Kacie’ in memory of her daughter’s best friend who died in a car accident.

Biggs pen name, ‘Heather Harvey,’ is also derived from family member names.

“The [pen] name came from my daughter’s first name, Heather, and my grandmother’s married name, Harvey,” said Biggs.

Several readers of all three of Biggs’ novels commented on the story lines and their favorite characters.

“I really liked Susan’s books. Her story lines are more true to real life,” said Angela Sciuto, CBIAC project administrator. “They’re really good; they’re addicting.”

Susan Carpenter, a secretary from Chesapeake City, commented on her favorite parts.

“I like ‘Our Destiny’ the best,” Carpenter said. “My favorite characters were Amber and Hunter from that book. ‘Our Destiny’ kept you in suspense the whole time. I finished that book in 24 hours. I couldn’t put it down.

“I’m not much of a reader, but whenever I get handed one of her books I take the book out on the screen porch and read until I’m finished it,” Carpenter added.

“I’ve read some other romance novels,” said Elenna Christake, CBIAC program administrator, who has worked on and off with Biggs over three and a half years. “[Her books] were just really interesting. She put in things you didn’t expect to happen in the plot. And the storyline was more real and easier to relate to.”

Another reader, Elaine Whatley, a staff nurse in the primary care clinic at the

Perry Point Veterans Affairs Medical Center, commented on why the characters in the first book were her favorite.

“The characters in ‘Unconditional Love’ were my favorite because you got to know them. They seemed familiar, like they were related to you,” Whatley said.

Whatley’s coworker, who lives next door to Biggs, got her involved with the books.

Whatley, who is an avid thriller and murder mystery reader, said she usually does not read romance novels, but commented on how Biggs’ books had an element of surprise that she could relate to.

“It was easy reading; it’s entertainment,” Whatley said. “I can go home at night and get lost in it. You think you know what’s going to happen and then there’s a twist at the end. That’s what I like about it.”

Biggs said that her books don’t only appeal to females, there is a construction owner, doctor and a military police officer on post who read her books and give her their opinions.

One reader, Cindy Robinson, an office manager at Multi-Specialty Healthcare in Elkton, is an avid romance reader and follower of Biggs.

“I’m a big Danielle Steele fan,” Robinson said. “For a local artist, I think she [Biggs] is wonderful. I love the books. All the women I work with love the books too and [we] can’t wait for the next one.”

Biggs fourth book will be coming out in early 2005, followed by her fifth book in summer 2005, which will be a sequel to her current book “Reflections.”

“The publishers, iUniverse Incorporated, made my book available to 25,000 bookstores,” Biggs said.

For more information about Biggs’ books, contact her by e-mail at heatherhar-





Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Activities

New operating hours

The MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center's new operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month.*

*If this happens to fall on a training holiday, then the Thursday prior the office will be open 11 a.m. to 7 pm.

Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting MWR Registration, building 3326, or visiting online at www.apgmwr.com.

MWR looks out for singles through BOSS

The BOSS "Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers" Program meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m., building 305, conference room.

The program is Department of the Army directed, installation managed and service member operated to support the overall quality of life, recreation and leisure and community service for single and unaccompanied service members and single parents.

For more information, call Joyce Founds, Morale Welfare and Recreation advisor, at 410-278-2621.

Shirley Caesar concert tickets refunds end soon

Refunds for the Shirley Caesar Concert will be given at MWR Registration and Ticketing Office, building 3326 in the Aberdeen Area. The receipt or ticket must be presented in order to receive a

refund. All requests must be in by Sept. 30.

For more information, call 410-278-4907/4011.

CYS holds Fall Family Fun Fest

Child and Youth Services is sponsoring a Fall Family Fun Fest 10 a.m. to 2 p.m Oct. 2., at the Edgewood Area Youth Services building E-1902.

All activities are free. A local D.J. will provide music and entertainment.

Activities include games, arts and crafts, chess and soccer shoot-out for ages 3 to adult, face painting, balloon sculptures, bounce house and a caricature artist.

Enjoy free hot dogs, chips and lemonade. Everyone attending will receive a free gift.

Door prizes will be given away every half hour but winners must be present.

Visit the facility and be there for the grand opening of the new Computer Tech Lab. Program displays and registration information will also be available.

Interested in becoming a member? Come see what CYS has to offer the entire family.

For more information, call Outreach Services at 410-278-7571.

Social Hour at Top of Bay

The rock climbing wall will be up again at the Friday social this week, 4 to 8 p.m., Sept. 24. Table tennis, darts and other great activities are available at the Friday social.

For more information, contact MWR Registration.

Classes

Horseshoeing

This class will teach the art of shoeing a horse. The fundamentals of trimming, shoeing, molding and food care will be

covered. Learn one of the skills required of a genuine blacksmith from a professional in the trade.

The techniques presented in this course will help the student become a proficient farrier.

Classes will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m., every Tuesday, Oct. 5 through 12 at the APG Stables.

Cost is \$25. Register by Oct. 1.

Beginning Dog Obedience

Training class will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday Oct. 7 to Nov. 18 at the Recreation Center.

Get hands on training and learn techniques that will help the dog respond to commands in a positive way.

Register by Oct. 4. Cost is \$60.

Ultimate Frisbee

Join the ultimate sport of Frisbee football 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday, Oct.7 to Dec. 2 in Russell Gym.

This game will fascinate anyone who loves to play a non-contact sport, which offers the same fun, excitement and challenge as full-contact football.

Learn the rules, moves, and strategies while enjoying the spirit of competition, sportsmanship and fair play.

Register by Oct. 5. Cost is \$10.

Entertainment

Shirley Caesar concert with local choirs

Evangelist Shirley Caesar will be Ministering in Song on Nov. 5 at the APG Post Theater. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$30 in advance and \$35 the day of the show.

Purchase tickets online at www.apgmwr.com or MWR Registration.

2004 Soldier Show

The 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show returns to the APG Post Theater Oct. 23 and 24. The Soldier Show is a high-energy 90-minute review, showcasing the talents of active duty Soldiers who are selected by audition from throughout the Army.

They are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing.

They come from infantry, artillery, transportation, military police, medical, intelligence, armor, aviation, signal, and other tactical units.

The show is assembled in six weeks and then tours for six months.

The 2 p.m., Oct. 23 and 24 shows are open to active duty personnel only.

The 7 p.m., Oct. 24 show is open to the public.

Programs

Beginner tennis

Learn the basic strokes such as forehand and backhand serve, correct form and footwork.

Scoring, rules, and court etiquette will also be covered. All equipment will be supplied.

Class will be held 9 to 10 a.m., Oct. 2 thru 23, at the tennis courts behind the AA Recreation Center.

Cost is \$25. Register by Oct. 1.

Intermediate tennis

Emphasis will be on ball control and shot placement. Game strategy, shot variety, pace under pressure, and practice techniques will all be covered.

Classes will be held 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Oct. 2 thru 23, at the Tennis Courts behind the

AA Recreation Center. Cost is \$25.

Chess

Learn the basic fundamentals of chess: how to play, keep score, strategies, to employ and how to move the pieces into a sound board position to gain the advantage on an opponent.

Class will be held 6 to 7 p.m., Oct. 4 to 25, at the Recreation Center. Register by Oct. 1. Cost is \$20.

Lacrosse

Gain the knowledge to play a competitive game of lacrosse. Instruction includes setting, passing, scoring, and goal keeping. Defensive and offensive strategies will also be covered.

Classes will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m., Oct. 5 to 21, at Shine Sports Field.

Cost is \$25. Register by Oct. 1.

Boot Camp

Jump-start the holidays with this aerobic challenge. The class will teach endurance, help participants gain more muscle, increase coordination, build stamina and lose weight...just in time for the holidays.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 6 to 7 a.m., starting Oct. 5, in the AA Fitness Center jogging, running, interval training, and weight lifting are the focus. From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturdays, train to prepare for hiking that will be done during the last three weeks.

Requirements to begin are pre-medical screen, pre-fitness assessment and post-fitness assessment.

This class is suitable for all fitness levels.

For more information, call the Fitness Center, 410-278-9725.

Register by Oct. 1. Cost is

\$45.

Tournaments

Flag Football (3 on 3)

Tournament will be held 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 1, on Shine Sports Field, and it consists of round robin competition.

Each lesson will be matched against every other team.

Winners will be determined by win/loss percentages.

Cash prizes will be presented to the top three teams based on the number of entries. Cost is \$30 per team. Register by Oct. 1.

U.S. Amateur Boxing Tournament

Integrity School of Hybrid Boxing and Community Recreation Division will host an Amateur Boxing Tournament featuring local and national amateur boxers Oct. 16 in Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. and boxing will start at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$20 for front row ring side seats, \$15 for floor seating and \$10 for bleacher seating. Tickets cost \$20 the day of tournament. Purchase tickets at www.apgmwr.com, MWR Registration, or the Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center.

2nd Annual Customer Appreciation Tournament

Ruggles Golf Course invites everyone to participate in its 2nd annual Customer Appreciation Tournament, Oct. 2, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Enter a foursome or be paired up.

Price includes cart, prizes and appetizers.

Cost is \$10 for annual patrons. Register by Sept. 25.

SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

Youth Services "Hip Hop" dance classes

Registration for "Hip Hop" dance classes will be held through Sept. 30. Classes cost \$95 per student (one hour of instruction once per week for 22 weeks/recital), with a 20 percent discount each additional student, and a 10 percent discount for each additional class. Students six years of age and above are required to pay a membership/registration fee.

Classes begin Oct. 1 and will be held every Friday. Classes for ages 8 through 12 will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.. Classes for ages 13 through adult will be held 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. A parent's orientation session will be held on Oct. 1.

For an appointment to register, call Christina Keithley at 410-278-7571 or Pat Palazzi, 410-278-7479, CYS Outreach Services-Central Registration Office, Room 110, building 2752, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A late registration fee of

\$10 will be charged for any registration after the cut-off date.

K12 orientation

A new Child and Youth Services education program is being offered starting in October. It's called K12, and it's an on-line computer based tutoring and enrichment program for children of military and civilian parents who work at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Parents of students in public school education, private schools, or home school, kindergarten through 8th grade who need help or want to excel in math or language arts as a supplement to school education are encouraged to attend a K12 orientation and registration session to be held 6 p.m., Oct. 5, at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522, or 6 p.m., Oct. 6, at the Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902.

\$45 will be charged for each course for curriculum materials. Parents will be offered hands on instruction

at each of the youth center computer technology labs. Parents will be able to work side by side with their child both at home and at the computer labs. This is an after-school program that will not interfere with regular school age services after school programs at the Youth centers.

K12 math and language arts will be conducted one evening per week at the Aberdeen Youth Center Computer Technology Lab 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., each Tuesday, and 6:30-7:30 p.m., every Wednesday at the Edgewood Youth Center Computer Technology Lab.

To sign up for either session, call or e-mail Sandy Fallon, K12 education coordinator, 410-297-6629, esfallon@comcast.net. Spaces are limited.

Teen Driver Education

Teen Driver Education registration is now being taken for the following sessions: Sept. 22 thru Oct. 5, Oct. 6 thru 19, Oct. 20 thru Nov. 2, Nov. 3 thru 16, Nov. 17 thru Dec. 2 and Dec. 6 thru

17. Class fee is \$295 per student plus a \$15 registration/membership fee for teens of APG military and civilian personnel. Sponsored students pay \$5 more.

Classes are conducted in Child and Youth Services, building 2752, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students are to bring notebook and pen/pencil. Bring a snack and drink for weekday classes. All rules and procedure will be thoroughly explained by the driving instructor. Parent orientation will be conducted during the first class. Parents should make sure students arrive on time and picked-up in a timely manner.

To make an appointment to register, call Christina Keithley at Outreach Services -Central Registration, building. 2752, room 110, or call 410-278-7571.

For more information about the Teen Driver Education program, call Rules Driving School, Inc., at 410-939-7008 or 410-937-2184.

Youth Services

Aberdeen Youth Services, located in building 2522, Bayside Drive, is geared toward the 1st thru 12th grade population. For more information, call 410-278-4995/9061, or e-mail AAYouthCenter@usag.apg.army.mil. The facility is open Monday thru Saturday.

Upcoming event Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament

For youths grades 1 thru 12, tournament will be held 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., Sept. 25. Cost is \$6.00/person. Tournament format is double elimination. The judges will explain the rules.

Deadline to enter is Sept. 23. A minimum of six players is required for the tournament. If there are 12 or more registered, then there will a division into two groups based on age.

Awards include 1st Place - 3 booster packs; 2nd Place - 2 booster packs; and 3rd Place - 1 booster pack.

Members needed for youth clubs

Aberdeen Youth Services has three major partnerships—4-H, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Character Counts. Throughout the year, youths will have opportunities to participate in curriculums and projects related to these partnerships. Since school has started back in session, it's

time to recruit for some of 2004-2005's clubs and curriculums: SMART Girls, Torch Club and TEENSupreme Keystone Club.

SMART Girls

This prevention program geared for girls, ages 10 thru 15, was developed by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and is supported by the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation as part of its ongoing commitment to improving the health of women of all ages.

SMART Girls takes the skills, mastery and resistance training concept even further by providing gender and age-specific information to help young women develop the necessary skills to have a long and healthy life.

The specific curriculum for SMART Girls teaches young women how to:

- Understand and appreciate their bodies and the physiological changes they are experiencing.
- Develop good lifetime nutritional habits which are based on an understanding of their nutritional needs.
- Acquire healthy exercise habits including a broad range of physical activity and lifetime sports.
- Understand and access the health care delivery system.

The APG club meets 5 p.m. every other Friday. For more information, call Lucinda McDowell, 410-278-4995.

Torch Club

Torch Clubs are chartered small-group leadership and

service clubs for boys and girls ages 11-13 focusing on character development.

A Torch Club is a powerful vehicle through which club staff can help meet the special needs of younger adolescents at a critical stage in their development.

Torch Club members learn to elect officers and work together to plan and implement activities in four areas: service to club and community, education, health and fitness and social recreation.

The club meets 5 p.m. every other Friday. For more information, call Angela Gittings, 410-278-4995.

TEENSupreme Keystone Club

Keystoning is the Boys and Girls Club movement's most

dynamic teen program. Keystone Clubs are chartered small-group leadership and service clubs for boys and girls ages 14 thru 18.

Keystoners elect officers and plan and implement their own activities in six areas: service to Club and community, leadership development, education and career exploration, unity, free enterprise and social recreation. Keystone Club members and their advisors are eligible for nomination to steering committees which organize regional and national TEENSupreme Keystone Conferences attended by thousands of Keystoners each year. The group meets 6:30 p.m. every Thursday.

For more information, call Angela Gittings and Ms. Lucinda McDowell, 410-278-

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Edgewood Area Library is open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

The following is a list of some new books available at the APG MWR libraries:

Why We Hate by Jack Levin and Gordana Revrenovic
Terrorist attacks have fed into fears that Americans are hated by others abroad and have prompted questions about the genesis of that perceived hatred. The authors explore hatred, whether it is inborn or learned behavior, what triggers it, and how it can be curbed.

Woman Power: transform your man, your marriage, your life by Laura Schlessinger

The Truth About the Drug Companies: how they deceive us and what to do about it by Marcia Angell

The Tex-Mex Cookbook: a history in recipes and photos by Robb Walsh

Quick Fixes for Everyday Fears: a practical handbook to overcoming 100 stomach-churning fears by Michael Clarkson



The library's Web site, www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html, provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

RE - NU - IT CENTER

provides equipment, services for cleanup

Story and photos by
Meghan Bowen
APG News

As the Aberdeen Proving Ground community gears up for fall cleanup, both the Edgewood and Aberdeen Area Re-Nu-It centers are ready to aid customers maintain their buildings and quarters.

"The facilities main use is to help people on post maintain what they already have," said Charles Cunningham, chief, Directorate of Installation Operations. "This is self help, self-based repairs.

When families are permanently changing station, the Re-Nu-It center is a one-stop shop, kind of like a 'free' 'Home Depot.'

"Soldiers can fix up their quarters before they PCS [permanent change of station],"

Cunningham said.

Leonard Harris, civilian material handler, explained who can use the centers.

"For military occupants, their card will authenticate whether or not they're in housing on post and can use the facility," Harris said.

For APG employees on post there should be a designated person in each building to check out supplies for their office, Harris said.

"Whoever is on the signature card can check things out from the center. Employees can call us to find out who has the card for their building, although every building is not required to have a signature card," Harris said.

"There's normally a two-day rental period," Harris added. "We call them if they

haven't brought it back by then."

Harris added that customers should only return items to the original center where it was rented.

Besides home improvement items, the center offers American flags with poles and mounting brackets for Soldiers to hang outside of their quarters.

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Maul, Company C, 16th Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, commented on his Re-Nu-It Center experience.

"We come in here on a regular basis to get new light bulbs and baseboard glue," Maul said. "They provide an excellent service."

For more information, call 410-278-8814.

Illustration by BLAKE VOSHELL

Leonard Harris, Re-Nu-It Center civilian material handler, cuts screens as part of his duties at the center.

Equipment services

Hand tools, rakes, shovels, lawn mowers, weed eaters, light fixtures, screen and blind cutting, paint, topsoil, mulch, bathroom fixtures, paint brushes, paint, and more.

Aberdeen Area

Building 5413

April thru November hours are 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

November 29 to April hours are 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.
410-278-8814

Edgewood Area

Building E-5185

8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Thursday, effective Oct. 1
410-436-2398

USMC repeats as intramural softball champs

Marines take final over CHPPM, 13-11

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Marine Corps Detachment finished off an impressive season with a 13-11 win over the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine to win the intramural softball post championship Aug. 24.

Led by coach Kenneth Miller, the Marines moved undefeated through the post-season tournament with wins against Company C 16th Ordnance Battalion, 8-7; the U.S. Air Force Detachment,

15-0; Company C 143rd, 15 - 2; and CHPPM, 10-8; before losing to CHPPM in the finals, 7-1, only to bounce back with the close win, courtesy of its winners bracket standing. The team in the loser's bracket must defeat the favored team twice to take the championship.

Miller said numerous rain-outs and the trampling the field took after the Army Entertainment concert in July, "severely affected the season."

"We only played nine of the 16 games we were suppose

to," Miller said.

Despite other setbacks and player losses due to injuries and movement orders, "the team showed an amazing ability to adapt," Miller said.

"Our infield [consistently made] routine play's along with some not so routine plays, especially at the short stop position. The outfielders performed aggressively and made hitters earn their hits. Some key catches in the play-offs were made in left field. This is a tribute to the players coming off the bench. It was a

total team effort."

He thanked the team's fans for their support and praised the Morale, Welfare and Recreation contracted umpire crew.

"They were consistent and didn't miss any calls that I could see," he said.

As a whole, the detachment was happy to reclaim the intramural softball title after losing it in a close battle to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion last year.

"It was a gratifying experi-

ence to win the APG softball championship," Miller said.

The CHPPM team, under the leadership of Steven Czerwinski, moved on to the MEDCOM softball tournament in Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Team USMC, intramural softball champions

Greg Bouchard, Sean Enderly, Abraham Sanchez, Orlando Robinson, Nicholas Hampton, Valenite Cantu, Mike Perry, Steven Greulich, Michael Lukkes, Cole Williams, Pedro Gomez, Jorge

Montinez, Jason Hynes, Leo Sullivan, Mike Ryan, Matthew Blair and Kenneth Miller, coach.

Team CHPPM, intramural softball runner-up

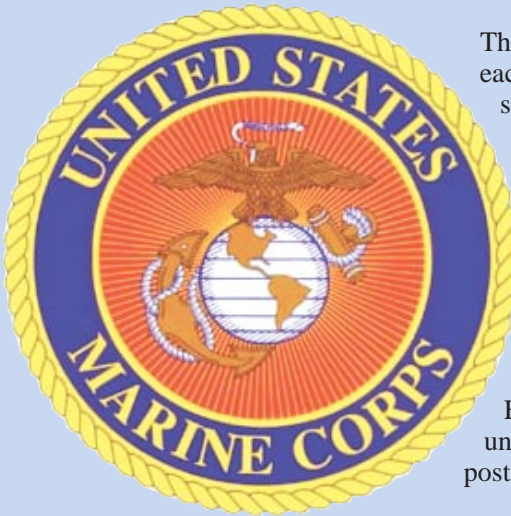
Robert Carpenter, Patrick Carpenter, Brandon Dusick, Thomas Moxley, Matthew Murphy, Melissa Murphy, Michael Rayman, William Robinson, Shelly Ryan, Jeffery Sporer, Thomas Weathers, Amy Wyant, Sampson Tatum and Steven Czerwinski, coach.

Marines claim 2004 softball championship



Photo courtesy of MWR

Members of the Marine Corps Detachment softball team celebrate with their trophies on Shine Sports Field after winning the intramural softball post championship Aug. 24. Team members' names are listed in article above.



The Commander's Cup is awarded each December to the unit that scores the most points in intramural sports during the year. Units accumulate points by participating in Basketball, the Bench Press Competition, the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Racquetball, Volleyball, Softball, Golf, the Deadlift Competition, Soccer and Football. Points are awarded for unit participation and division and post championship wins.

Commander's Cup point totals

USMC	228	Company C 143rd	46
Company B 16th	207	HHC 61st	45
Company C 16th	202	USAF	42
MRICD	151	HHC 143rd	31
NCOA	88	CHPPM	23
203rd MI	86	520th TAML	21
ATC	71	KUSAHC	14
Company A 16th	68	Company A 143rd	10
Company B 143rd	66	HST	10
Company E 16th	62	RDECOM	4
HHC 16th	58		

As of Aug. 25

Job opportunities offered Sept. 30

ACS

The 16th Annual Harford County Job Fair is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 30, at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. Representatives from more than 57 private sector companies and government agencies will be conducting interviews and answering questions about job opportunities.

Job seekers will receive a program listing participating businesses with possible vacancies ranging from

accounting/finance, engineering/IT, law enforcement, customer service, computers, government, manufacturing, transportation, construction, food service, management, distribution, education, healthcare, retail, and hospitality.

Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service employment readiness manager, recommends "Job seekers should come to the event as if they are going to a job interview, bring their resume, be prepared to complete job applications and participate in on-the-spot

interviews".

Job seekers can update their resume at the APG Self-Help Job Information Center located in Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Rd., room 205, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Job Fair is free and open to the general public.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program Manager, 410-278-9669.

NFL Hall of Famer visits EA



National Football League Hall of Famer Tom Matte, seated, former running back with the Baltimore Colts, and current radio analyst with the Baltimore Ravens, signs an autograph for Maj. Anthony Hayden, an Army reservist attached to the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, at the Edgewood Area Shoppette Sept. 17. Matte was on hand to sign bottles of Luna Di Luna wine as a spokesperson for the company.